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## E-voting's first run 'steady'

**ELECTION** A "steady" stream of e-voters cast their ballots for the municipal election online until 8 p.m. last night.

E-voting project director Cathy Mellett said the participation rate will be made public today.

It's the first year voters could vote online in advance polls to elect their mayor, councillor and school board member.

Election day is Oct. 18.

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Liberal candidate Catherine Meade is seen through a hole in her campaign office front window as she talks with some of her campaign workers yesterday. Several rocks were thrown through the window between Sunday evening and Monday morning.

# Slurs and stones mar N.S. elections

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**Spray paint, homophobic slurs, and more than a few rocks littered the campaign trail in Nova Scotia over the weekend.**

In Liberal MP Scott Brison's hometown of Cheverie, nine campaign signs were defaced Saturday night with the word "fag" written in pink spray paint. Brison is openly gay.

"This was a gutless bigot who doesn't have the courage to say (this) publicly," Brison said. "(They) vandalized property with

hatred."

Brison said the owners of the properties where the signs were defaced are outraged. They called the MP's father, who headed out Sunday morning to clean. Brison believes the damage is politically motivated.

"They're frustrated they can't beat me in an election, so they're finding other ways to wreak havoc."

In Halifax, rocks were thrown through the windows at the headquarters of Conservative Ted Larsen, and Liberal Catherine Meade.

Larsen's campaign man-

## Not just Halifax

- The damage comes after a weekend packed with political vandalism in Ontario. The houses of Liberal candidates and supporters were spray painted, and brake lines were cut on almost 20 vehicles.

ager, Jordi Morgan, said "F—k the Tories" was sprayed on the rented building. He said there's about \$3,000 worth of damage.

"It's stupid," Morgan said. "It's cowardly, stupid and meaningless."

Meade said almost all the windows in her office were smashed, with one rock going through an inside wall. She said there are no similar rocks in the area, so she believes it was premeditated. She believes similar stones were used at Larsen's office.

"I don't know if there were people watching the news and saying 'Hey, that's a great idea, why don't we do something like that in Halifax,'" Meade said. "To my knowledge I haven't pissed anybody off enough to make that happen. And I'm not sure our party has either."

## Downtown at heart of third debate

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Mayor Peter Kelly was on the defensive last night as Sheila Fougere continued to play hardball.

Such was the tone of the third round of mayoral debates — this one hosted by the Downtown Halifax Business Commission — leading up to the Oct. 18 municipal election.

Some of the most contentious issues raised throughout the two-hour public forum centred on de-amalgamation, the Commonwealth Games and capital spending in the downtown.

Kelly defended spending just \$1.4 million on capital projects downtown between 2000 and 2006, saying council focused on the area with other things, such as the Halifax Farmers Market, HRM by Design and sporting events.

The moderator, News 95.7's Andrew Krystal, came back by saying the downtown is the economic engine for the entire municipality. "This is the priority. Am I wrong?" he asked the mayor.

Kelly's reply prompted loud cheers and jeers from the crowd: "It depends what downtown? HRM has many downtowns. ... We are investing in the downtown, but we also have to look at other issues in the HRM as well."

Fougere said the downtown, on both sides of the bridge, is the economic heart of the municipality and the province. "If everything is a priority than nothing gets the attention it deserves," she said.

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Halifax firefighters who posed for a fundraising calendar will be autographing them this Thursday at the Canadian Blood Services' donor clinic on Gottingen Street. They're helping to promote an emergency responders' blood donor challenge. If you'd like to donate blood, call 1-888-236-6283. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Local



## Talkin' the walk

Teens, take a walk. Seriously. You could win prizes. The Heart and Stroke Foundation is asking teens aged 13-16 to shoot a one- to two-minute video that shows how to get young people walking more, and post it on YouTube. For more information, visit <http://contest.walkaboutns.ca>. **METRO HALIFAX**

# HRM economy gets high grades

## More than half, however, think city's growth too sluggish



Elizabeth Beale, CEO of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, at her downtown Halifax office. Like many other residents of Halifax Regional Municipality, Beale said she took a pay cut in order to be able to live here, but she's not sure people will always be willing to settle for a lower salary.

**Editor's note: This is the last in our four-part City Think series on municipal issues, based on a Bristol Omnifacts Research poll conducted for Metro Halifax. We hope you've enjoyed the series.**

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Nearly two-thirds of people give high marks to HRM's economy, but more than half say economic growth has occurred too slowly.

A Bristol Omnifacts Research poll commissioned by Metro Halifax shows 62 per cent of people in urban and suburban HRM rate the city's economy good or excellent.

Fifty-six per cent of people said economic growth is too sluggish. And 43 per cent think people in HRM don't embrace economic growth.

"If they think it's occurring too slowly, they think it's good," says Layton Dorey,

Bristol's managing director of project development.

Elizabeth Beale, CEO of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, says the results are accurate.

While Halifax has seen about 19 per cent employment growth over the last decade, Beale says ours is the slowest-growing provincial economy. Halifax's growth, she said, is modest compared to other cities.

"Has it slowed in the last year or so? Yes, it's been extremely slow," Beale says.

Still, she says there is plenty happening, such as a boom in the small housing market.

Mid-size cities like Halifax could become very attractive places to live in a global economy, she says. Mega-cities come with mega-housing costs and major transportation headaches, especially for young families.

Jim McNiven, retired Dalhousie University management professor, says the economy is "chugging

## "We have to get past ourselves."

Valerie Payn, Chamber of Commerce

along."

"There's no real boom times here, but there's no real bust times either," he said.

McNiven says Halifax hasn't decided what it wants to be when it grows up. He says the city is caught in a bunch of riptides.

"There are people who are more concerned about the city staying relatively small and comfortable; and other people who want more people, more activity," McNiven says.

"The end result is a bit of paralysis. The tall buildings won't get built, the jobs aren't there and we don't have the traffic. Then people are saying we don't have the growth."

Valerie Payn, president of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, agrees the devel-

opment versus heritage debate causes uncertainty, but she has high hopes that HRM by Design will improve that.

Our minority provincial government also makes it challenging to advance any agenda, she says.

One of Halifax's strengths is a diversified economy.

"We are not a one-pony show, so that if a downturn were to hit, we would be able to weather that more than an economy that's primarily manufacturing or energy," Payn says.

Payn believes some of our older population wants things to stay the same.

"One of the things we must remember: We are not building for the 50, 60, 70-year-olds. We're going to be long gone," Payn says. "These are for people in future, the young people, the people who aren't even born yet, the immigrants we want to attract."

"We have to get past ourselves."

## Higher wages vs. quality of life

• People like living in Halifax so much, they're willing to take a pay cut to live and raise children here.

A Bristol Omnifacts Research poll commissioned by Metro Halifax says two-thirds of urban and suburban residents think HRM is a great place to bring up kids, but only one in five agree it's a good place to earn a competitive salary.

"People like living here. They think that they've done well living here," said Layton Dorey, Bristol's managing director of project development. "Not quite as much working here."

The survey asked people to rate HRM as a place to live and work, the opportunity to earn a competitive salary, own the home you want, to raise children and achieve a desired

level of career success.

Fewer than four in 10 said they've done better financially by staying here, but three-quarters think their quality of life is better.

Elizabeth Beale, president and CEO of Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, admits she's one of them — but she's not so sure people will always be willing to put up with earning less.

"Firms have to think they can't take advantage of individuals, that people want to get ahead, they want economic opportunities. We can't just rest on our laurels," Beale said.

The mother of four young adults says she and her husband decided mid-career to stay put, sacrificing higher wages for Halifax's quality of life.

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## 'Money in the bank' debate

• Opinion is closely split on whether people have personally benefited from HRM's economic growth.

A Bristol Omnifacts Research poll commissioned by Metro Halifax shows 51 per cent of people in urban and suburban HRM say they haven't personally benefited, while 45 per cent say they have.

Elizabeth Beale, president and CEO of Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, says that reflects the wage gap in some industries here compared to other parts of the country.

Halifax Chamber of Commerce president Valerie Payn says our highly-educated population might have something to do with that, too. Nearly 70 per cent of HRM residents have a post-secondary

education, and Payn says the numbers probably reflect the people looking for ways to pay off student debt.

Retired Dalhousie University management professor Jim McNiven says Halifax's very low unemployment rate is also a factor.

"Maybe a lot of people who are already employed feel they haven't got the promotion they wanted or the better job," he said.

**SURVEY:** I have personally benefited from the economic growth in HRM

Strongly disagree 18%  
Mostly disagree 33%  
Mostly agree 35%  
Strongly agree 10%  
Don't know 3%

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## Survey: sample size — 500

Margin of error ± 4.9 (95 per cent confidence level)

• Overall, how would you rate the economy of HRM?

Poor 5%  
Fair 31%  
Good 58%  
Excellent 4%  
Don't know 1%

• Economic growth has occurred too slowly.

Strongly disagree 6%  
Mostly disagree 34%

Mostly agree 39%  
Strongly agree 17%  
Don't know 5%

• People in HRM do not embrace economic growth.

Strongly disagree 14%  
Mostly disagree 38%  
Mostly agree 35%  
Strongly agree 8%  
Don't know 5%

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## Catch it on the web

There's a mayoral debate focusing on the environment happening 10 a.m. Wednesday at Dalhousie University, at the Tupper Building. Can't make it? Watch the streaming debate at [www.haligonica.ca](http://www.haligonica.ca). **METRO HALIFAX**

# Rae condemns Harper's record in Afghanistan

DEVIN STEVENS  
for Metro Halifax

**Heading into the final week of the federal election campaign, Halifax Liberals brought in a heavy hitter yesterday morning — and he took aim at Stephen Harper's plan for Afghanistan.**

"We've lost nearly a hundred soldiers now," former Ontario Premier, Bob Rae said in the Armview Restaurant packed with Liberal supporters.

"We are not doing, on the political and diplomatic side, enough to support those troops."

Flanked by candidates Catherine Meade and Geoff Regan, Rae said even though Harper has promised to end the Afghan mission by 2011, he has a history of breaking promises.

Rae said Harper's Afghan strategy is similar to that of U.S. President George W. Bush's plan in Iraq.

He said a Liberal government would focus more on building infrastructure



Former Ontario premier and Liberal MP Bob Rae speaks at the Armview Restaurant as Halifax West MP Geoff Regan listens yesterday.

in Afghanistan while empowering Afghan officials and troops. They would also commit to a leaving by a fixed date.

"One of the lessons

from Iraq is that simple military superiority doesn't guarantee you a political result," Rae said.

The speech comes after Britain's highest military

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commander said the Afghan War can't be won in a traditional sense.

Brig.-Gen. Mark Carleton-Smith recently told a British newspaper that officials must negotiate with the Taliban to form a coalition government.

## Former NDP premier takes aim at left and right

Bob Rae took a few swipes at his old party yesterday, saying a vote for the NDP could lead to a Conservative majority.

But first he burned Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"My understanding is the Tory platform was supposed to be coming out last week," Rae said.

"The only explanation I can think of is it's taking them a while to finish the

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translation from the original Australian."

Last week the Liberals accused Harper of plagiarizing a speech first read by Australian leader, John Howard.

In a small diner, Rae said that NDP and Green Party supporters must vote for the Liberals this election.

**"The only explanation I can think of is it's taking them a while to finish the translation from the original Australian."**

Bob Rae on the delay in releasing the Tory platform

He said splitting the vote would ensure Stephen Harper remains in power.

Later, he said people can vote Green as long as

they live in the Central Nova riding where Defence Minister, Peter MacKay, and Green Party leader, Elizabeth May, are facing off. The Liberals

aren't fielding a candidate.

He also called NDP Leader Jack Layton "pathetic" for targeting Liberal leader Stéphane Dion.

"Do you want to get rid of this government or not, Jack?" Rae asked. "I don't think you do. I think you're more interested in one seat here or one seat there."

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## News in brief

**STABBING** A 20-year-old man was arrested in relation to a stabbing in Middle Sackville on the weekend. An 18-year-old woman was stabbed in the arm and a 19-year-old man was stabbed three times in the back. None of the injuries were life threatening. RCMP said two men crashed a party on Fenerty Road, and they're still looking for the other man involved. The 20-year-old man is facing charges of assault with a weapon, assault causing bodily harm and possession of a weapon.

**ROBBERY** Police arrested a 32-year-old woman for an attempted robbery last week. A woman entered Daily Sweets on Oxford Street and threatened the clerk with a knife and demanded cash. This happened at 9:45 p.m. on Oct. 2. Police investigated and arrested the woman the next day. She faced charges of robbery and weapons in court yesterday.

**VANDALISM** Barrington RCMP are investigating a case of a window being smashed out in Woods Harbour. Witnesses said they heard a loud bang at around 9 p.m. Tuesday night under the window of Hopkins and Devine Fisheries. RCMP say they think a sling shot or small firearm might have been used.

**AMHERST** Celebrate your family through traditions during National Family Week running to Oct. 12. "Creating traditions can build strong family ties, provide wonderful memories and influence the traditions your child will enjoy for years to come," said Karen LeBlanc, program facilitator at Maggie's Place.

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What's online today.

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**Read** investment adviser Allan Small as he explains the basics of the U.S. bailout plan at [metronews.ca/live](http://metronews.ca/live)

## Woman drives car through front doors of Charlottetown courthouse

A 45-year-old woman repeatedly rammed her car through the front doors of the Charlottetown courthouse building early yesterday morning.

Charlottetown Deputy Police Chief Richard Collins said preliminary estimates of the damage to the building peg them at about \$40,000.

The main entrance to the building was essentially demolished by the car.

A temporary door was

being installed until a more permanent fixture is installed.

Witnesses say the woman rammed her vehicle through the doors, backed up, drove through them a second time, backed up and drove through a third time.

When police arrived on the scene the woman had backed up a fourth time and rammed her car through the doors again, this time ending up

inside the building.

Officers raced in and placed blocks under the vehicle tires. The woman allegedly still had her foot on the gas and was attempting to drive further into the building. When police stopped her, her vehicle was 15 to 20 yards inside.

The woman, who has not been identified, remains in hospital under observation. Charges are expected to be laid.

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Are you stressed? Researchers at the Université de Montréal have found that women are twice as likely to suffer from stress-related health problems. The provincial Health Department developed some support materials for people with mood disorders; they're available at [www.nsdepression.ca](http://www.nsdepression.ca). **METRO HALIFAX**

# Clinics violating rules?

DEVIN STEVENS  
for Metro Halifax

**A new report by health coalitions across the country says almost 90 private clinics in Canada could be violating the Canada Health Act.**

The Nova Scotia Health Citizen's Health Care Network, flanked by health union leaders and an NDP candidate, released the report in front of one of the suspected clinics in Clayton Park yesterday.

**"Private health care is out of reach of Canadians."**

Kyle Buott

"Private health care is out of the reach of Canadians and is making our system become one that is not based on need, but based on wealth," coordinator Kyle Buott said.

One Nova Scotia clinic is suspected of Health Act violations.

The report alleges Canadian Diagnostic Centres in Halifax charges patients



Kyle Buott, coordinator of the Nova Scotia Citizens' Health Care Network, speaks at a press conference in Clayton Park. The Network unveiled a report on for-profit health care yesterday.

for services that should be covered by the public system. It also accuses the clinic of letting patients

jump waiting lists.

Buott said the for-profit clinics are moving Canada's health care system to-

ward the U.S. model.

He called on provincial governments to enforce the Health Act and close

the violating clinics down.

Calls to Nova Scotia's Department of Health were not immediately returned.

## Physicians overlooking autism signs, say experts

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**HEALTH** Attitudes like "boys will be boys" can be detrimental when those boys may have a neurological disorder, experts on gender and autism say.

"Many boys aren't identified as having autism as early as we hope," said Susan Bryson, the Craig Chair in Autism Research at Dalhousie University and the IWK Health Centre.

She said doctors should not delay investigating language delays at 18 months, for example, because they assume boys develop more slowly than girls.

**"For physicians and health care professionals there's still a tendency to say, 'That's OK, he'll be OK, we'll just keep an eye on him.'"**

Susan Bryson,  
Dalhousie University

"For physicians and health care professionals there's still a tendency to say, 'That's OK, he'll be OK, we'll just keep an eye on him.'"

More boys than girls are diagnosed with the disorder.

"Eighty-four per cent of those who carry the label (of autism) are boys," said Blye Frank, vice-chair of the advisory committee of the Institute for Gender and Health.

One piece of the puzzle is biological. Boys have only one X chromosome, and that makes them susceptible to brain problems, said Sarah Shea, director of the Developmental Clinic at the IWK Health Centre.

Females have two Xes, and can turn one of them off in each cell, protecting girls, she explained.

Charlene and David Croft, parents of two autistic boys, spoke about their role reversals as parents.

"David is a way better mother than I am," said Charlene Croft, who just completed a degree in sociology. David Croft is a stay-at-home dad to Gabriel, 11, and Izaak, 8.

"I tend to appear to be a supermom. People ask, 'How are you able to do it all?' Really, it's all because of this guy," she said.

## Proof not required to vote for African seats

**SCHOOL BOARD** There are no hard and fast rules when it comes to those looking to cast a ballot for the African Nova Scotia seat in the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board elections, said the Cape Breton Regional Municipality's returning officer Bernie White.

White said the practice of asking why a particular person wants to vote for the school board seat set aside for African Nova Scotia voters isn't permitted anymore due to matters of cultural sensitivity.

"A person of black heritage or a guardian of a child of black heritage, would come in and say, 'I'm selecting to vote for the African Nova Scotia seat.' They say it. They identify," White said.

"Before, people had to declare and swear that they were a black person, and of course there are non-visible minorities. You can be a white person with

a black child.

"What was happening is that people were coming to the polls and it became very awkward and very unfair, and an invasion of privacy for some people."

Lorne Green just completed his first four-year term as the African Nova Scotia representative on the Cape Breton-Victoria board. He is running for re-election against Philip Best.

Green said people who intended to vote in the African Nova Scotia election when the seat was created for the 2000 election were offended after being told they would have to sign a declaration stating they're black.

"It was the only seat asking them to declare. Even at that time the Acadian board didn't ask somebody to sign a declaration indicating French descent," he said.

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### Heritage proof

- Since that initial vote, African Nova Scotians have been able to vote for candidates without proving their heritage.
- Green said he's unsure if that measure is a "fail-safe" means to prevent electoral fraud.



Sandra Toze votes in a federal advance poll in Bedford with the help of her daughters Elizabeth and Emily Outhit. It was part of a Take Our Girls to Vote initiative to encourage young girls to get interested in the democratic process.

## Getting Nova Scotia's girls out to vote

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**ELECTION** It was a little crowded behind the voting booth as Sandra Toze marked down her decision yesterday.

She brought her two daughters, Elizabeth and Emily Outhit to watch democracy in action.

"It's very cool," said Elizabeth, 10. "I think watch-

ing how to do it when you're older is a lot of fun and I can't wait to vote."

The Girl Guides, YWCA and Equal Voice Nova Scotia invited the media out to federal advance polls in Bedford and Bridgewater yesterday to witness their Take Our Girls to Vote initiative.

"We are not equally represented in Parliament and if we can teach our girls about it then they will take

that opportunity to be empowered and become more actively involved in politics," said Margaret Gullage with the Girl Guides.

"The idea is that more parents — not just moms, but dads as well — will take their daughters to the polls."

Eight-year-old Emily has a theory why people don't vote: "Maybe because they can't decide which one to vote for."



**Professors take on new gig**

Four SMU professors are taking key roles with a prestigious academic journal in development studies. Dr. Staurnino M. Borras Jr., Dr. Henry Veltmeyer, Dr. Cristobal Kay and Kr. Ryan Isakson have been appointed to the Journal of Peasant Studies. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Red tape delays library building

**The paperwork needed to acquire land is stalling the construction of a new library for the residents of Tatamagouche.**

A site on the village's Main Street, owned by the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board, was selected last fall as the preferred location to construct a new library for the village, but the municipality has not yet acquired it.

"We had hoped the building would be literally built by now," said Colchester County Coun. Jimmie LeFresne.

"The school board was asked about this nine months ago and it got caught up in a procedural process, but it appears that process has been worked through."

He said county staff have been working toward the acquisition of the land with school board staff. The result of the negotiations will soon be brought to the board for a decision.

The board's decision will then be presented to coun-

**"We had hoped that the building would be literally built by now."**

Colchester County Coun. Jimmie LeFresne

cil next month.

The land has already been appraised in anticipation of the transfer of ownership from one arm of the government to another.

LeFresne said the land has to be secured before they can move forward with design plans for the building. It's a process that will engage the local community, he said.

"We're hoping to call for volunteers and start our design committee in January with the goal to start construction in the spring."

Last fall, the estimated cost of constructing the building was about \$350,000.

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## Man booted from conference for unusual reaper costume

**GAMBLING** A man was asked to leave a Responsible Gambling conference yesterday as his protest spooked some people.

The man walked in wearing part of a grim reaper costume. He was with Game Over VLTs, an organization that just launched their Silent Scream campaign to eliminate video lottery terminals, devices similar to slot machines.

The Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation is holding the

### Help for gamblers

- The corporation launched a website today to provide information for gamblers with tips to set time limits and budgets.
- Users can also log on to enter gambling activity and spending.

two-day conference at the Halifax Marriot Harbourfront Hotel to explore the prevention of problem gambling. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Housing market still healthy despite downturn: Experts

**REAL ESTATE** Halifax's housing situation is hitting a speed bump because of elections and the financial woes south of the border.

Royal LePage released results of their house price survey yesterday.

The report by the real estate experts suggests healthy although tempered levels of activity.

"The downturn in the U.S. economy as well as the distraction of the upcoming elections have caused a slow-down in current market activity," said Valerie

Folk, area manager of Royal LePage.

"But property value is maintaining itself."

There were several increases in property values throughout Halifax, but the biggest jump was for detached bungalows in the North End,

which rose 14.7 per cent to \$195,000. Two-storey homes in the West End dropped by 8.2 per cent to \$210,000.

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## Halifax Moving technology



Rebecca Chandler gives a demonstration of the Simotion technology aboard the Siemens Exidome yesterday in Halifax. She showed how motion is automated and controlled in machines.

### News in brief

**SENTENCE** A Truro Heights man who took a baseball bat to a former friend's car recently received a suspended sentence and six months probation.

William Joshua Stone, 26, of 19 Ravine Dr., was also ordered to perform 10 hours of community service. "You can't settle scores that way, it can lead to bigger and nastier things," provincial court Judge Patrick Curran said, of the confrontation Stone had with his former friend.

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The B.C. Court of Appeal has ordered a third trial for a woman twice convicted in the shooting death of her estranged husband. Darlene Young is accused of shooting Frederick James Payton at his Falkland, B.C., home on the evening of March 29, 2002. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

# Canada



## Fit to stand trial

A man accused of beheading a passenger on a Greyhound bus in Manitoba was found fit to stand trial in a courtroom in Portage la Prairie, Man., yesterday. An interim psychiatric assessment was submitted to the provincial court on Vince Li, 40, accused of killing fellow passenger Tim McLean in July.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

## Inspectors urge changes to food safety processes

Deadly food outbreaks like the Maple Leaf listeria tragedy will likely repeat in Canada if rules aren't tightened immediately, federal food inspectors warned yesterday.

The strongly worded caution came on the heels of a Torstar News Service/CBC report that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency had quietly dropped its requirement that food producers must report positive bacterial tests to government inspectors. The requirement was dropped last April — four months later, people began dying from listeria linked to Maple Leaf's Toronto plant.

"Food inspectors should

**"Food inspectors should be notified when test results for listeria and other bacteria in meat processing plants are positive."**

Bob Kingston, president of the Agriculture Union

be notified when test results for listeria and other bacteria in meat processing plants are positive," said Bob Kingston, president of the Agriculture Union, which represents federal food inspectors.

"This requirement, which was cancelled by CFIA, should be restored immediately, and CFIA should invest the resources to ensure inspectors monitor cleanups after positive tests."

When questioned about

the policy, officials from the food inspection agency said the rules could soon be strengthened. Under the existing post-April 1 policy, food-processing companies don't have to report positive tests to inspectors, but inspectors are allowed to look at test records.

"If there are any shortfalls in the system, we will correct them," Tom Graham, the agency's national inspection manager, said on the weekend. "Major

changes are being looked at right now in the listeria policy."

A spokesperson for Maple Leaf said yesterday that while the company is not compelled to tell inspectors about positive listeria tests of surfaces or machines in the plant, it must report positive listeria tests on samples of the meat itself.

"Reporting listeria in a product is both a regulatory requirement and a moral necessity," said Linda Smith.

In general, the vast majority of testing in meat plants is not on food but rather on surfaces, Kingston said.

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## Sexual assault charges laid after Edmonton abduction

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**KIDNAPPING** Police have arrested and charged a man with abducting, sexually assaulting and drugging a seven-year-old girl who was the focus of an Amber Alert broadcast Sunday.

Less than 24 hours after the little girl was snatched from a north

end Edmonton playground, investigators arrested 44-year-old Danial Todd Gratton at a Hermitage area home.

A kidnapper dropped the child off around 3 p.m. Sunday, at a convenience store in the small community of Wildwood, 110 km

west of Edmonton. In her hand, she was clutching a note that asked she be returned home safely.

"The note may have been trying to make sure that when he did get caught, there would be a bit of a better deal. I think he knew it was ending," said criminologist Bill Pitt

**"The Amber Alert is a great thing, and I think it led to a successful conclusion."**

Bill Pitt, criminologist

on why an abductor would

leave a note.

"The Amber Alert is a great thing, and I think it led to a successful conclusion of this young girl being sent home," Pitt said.

Watch a report on the recent abduction in Edmonton at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

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## Calgary Protesters hang out



Emerging artists Elaine Weryehko, 24, and Nicky Renault, 24, who plays Ditto the clown, were among protesters outside Calgary city hall yesterday, demonstrating their disapproval of a lack of financial support from the Harper government for arts and culture across the country.

## News in brief

**REVIEW** Ontario's chief forensic pathologist, who was the first to suggest a review of old shaken-baby deaths, says the province has a "daunting" task ahead as it looks at 220 cases to determine if anyone was wrongfully convicted. The review will be a massive undertaking, not just because of the number of cases, but also because shaken-baby syndrome continues to be hotly debated in medical and scientific circles,

Dr. Michael Pollanen says.

**WHISTLER** At least three people were burned yesterday afternoon in a fire and explosion in a Whistler, B.C., restaurant, CBC News Online reports.

**MONTREAL** The murder trial of an alleged Hells Angels member got underway in Montreal yesterday with more than 150 witnesses expected to testify

over the next few months, CBC News Online reports. Paul Fontaine is accused of killing Pierre Rondeau, a prison guard, in 1997 at the height of Quebec's biker wars.

**ONTARIO** Finance Minister Dwight Duncan is warning that Ontarians should brace themselves for a provincial budget deficit because of the global finance crisis.

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## Which is the sexiest party?

Attempting to showcase the sexiness of the Canadian body politic, SexiestParty.ca lets supporters of the five major political parties compete with one another for the title of Sexiest Party of Canada. Individuals can upload their photos, which will be judged by the web-based masses. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Election 2008

# Harper caught tinkering

## There's worry in the Conservative camp as support numbers dwindle

## National Report

Lawrence Martin



It was supposed to be a coronation. Harpo the Incrementalist in a walk. A storyline that most everyone in the media ran to on the campaign's opening weekend. The Conservatives were at 40 per cent — and eating steak. The others? Kraft cheese slices.

But complacency is a dangerous commodity in politics. Preaching the status quo, as the Conservatives have done, works OK

— so long as tumult doesn't hit.

But Wall Street went under and this country is feeling the thunder — check those crashing TSX numbers — and our prime minister, the Great Tinkerer as someone labelled him, was caught tinkering. No plan! One wasn't necessary, he said. Land is strong.

But even Stéphane Dion had a five-point plan for the economy. No great shakes, but something! And Jack Layton and Elizabeth May jumped in, making the point that not only was there no economic plan, but not even a Conservative campaign platform. And how presumptuous, how arrogant, said they, is that!

Then a rare thing happened. Stephen Harper

relented. A platform is coming today. It may be the latest point ever that a platform has been released in an election. But there is worry in the Conservative camp. They're still leading. But the party numbers and the prime minister's personal numbers have



both dropped significantly since the opening gun. There's a good chance they can win back the momentum this week. But if they don't, they'll lose seats in this election — and Harper, who appeared headed for a majority only a week or two ago, will be ushered out as Tory leader.

While the media focus has been on the problems plaguing Dion, Harper's setbacks accumulated. Lots of mistakes by his underlings, the troubling plagiarism

charge that linked him strongly to the Iraq war, listerious jokes, the insults about people who go to galas, no big

new promises, no vision. Then he got a terribly unlucky break when the American economy tumbled. Then he John-McCained himself by saying all was well. Don't worry, be happy.

And so now, what seemed nutty to contemplate a few days ago — a Liberal victory — is not so nutty anymore. The much-mocked Dion inches forward. Breaks finally come his way. While he wants change, the other team is stuck in the status quo. The status quo didn't look so bad a month ago. Now it is starting to remind people of 1930.

Lawrence Martin is a Globe and Mail correspondent and author who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.

## News in brief

**CONSERVATIVES** Last night, in Laval, Que., Prime Minister Stephen Harper warned the stock market gyrations of recent days are "just the tip of the iceberg" if the opposition parties get their way. Harper said last night his platform, to be released today, will not initiate any massive new spending programs that risk a government deficit. He contrasted that with what he says are massive tax increases and a "risky" carbon tax planned by his political rivals.

**NUMBERS** Two polls yesterday showed a tighter election race than earlier in the campaign, and point to the Conservatives winning a minority government rather than the majority that seemed to be in the cards earlier. The largest of the surveys, one taken Friday through Sunday by Ekos, suggests televised election debates on Wednesday and Thursday failed to shake the race up, with the Conservatives still 10 percentage points ahead of the Liberals, 35-25.

**VANDALISM** There have been at least six more reports of vandalism — including the cutting of brake lines and graffiti defacing houses — in Toronto's St. Paul's and Parkdale-High Park ridings, bringing the number of incidents to more than 30 since Saturday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

How will parties capitalize on economic woes? Watch at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

7 days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

## Afghan issue leads to sparks at Central Nova debate

The war in Afghanistan heated up an already lively all-candidates debate in Central Nova last night, where Green Leader Elizabeth May is facing an uphill battle to unseat Defence Minister Peter MacKay.

Conservative incumbent MacKay defended increased funding for the military as May and NDP candidate Louise Lorence questioned

**"We have increased military spending and we will continue to do so because it gives Canada the ability to reach out and help."**

Defence Minister Peter MacKay

Canada's role in Afghanistan.

"We have increased military spending and we will continue to do so because it gives Canada the ability to reach out and help," Mac-

Kay said at St. Francis Xavier University last night.

When MacKay suggested May would cut military spending in half, she said it was a party proposal from the 1980s that Conservative

war-room spinners found on an archived section of the Green website.

"I guess I can ask MacKay now what Harper's position is on South Africa and apartheid," May quipped,

referring to that country's now-dismantled system of racial separation.

"It was the Conservative government that led the fight against apartheid," MacKay countered.

"Mr. Harper's Conservatives had nothing to do with ending apartheid! It was the Progressive Conservative government," May shot back. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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The U.S. Supreme Court seemed closely divided as it heard arguments yesterday over whether tobacco firms can be sued under state law for deceptive advertising of "light" cigarettes, a case that could affect some 40 suits around the country seeking billions of dollars. A ruling is expected early next year. **REUTERS**

# World/Business

## Waves from crisis being felt worldwide

U.S. urges unified response as stocks drop

Governments around the world grasped at new measures to contain the fast-spreading credit crisis, but stock, bond and commodity markets saw investors bet on deepening uncertainty and a sharp downturn.

U.S. officials called for a "forceful and co-ordinated" global reaction to the crisis as the Dow Jones industrials average closed down 3.5 per cent yesterday. U.S. stocks staged a late rally to cut earlier losses by half.

The S&P 500 closed down almost four per cent after touching a five-year low in the first Wall Street session since the U.S. Con-

### '900-foot tsunami'

Former U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission chief Richard Breeden called the current financial crisis "a 900-foot tsunami" and chided Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson yesterday for wanting, as recently as a year ago, to reduce regulation.

gress approved a \$700-billion US bailout intended to reassure markets that help was on the way.

Instead, a crisis that began with the overheated U.S. property market and the \$11-trillion mortgage market was still rocking confidence worldwide.

"The ground underneath our feet is moving like an earthquake," said acting U.S. Treasury Undersecretary for Domestic Finance Anthony Ryan.

Trading was halted in markets as far away as Brazil and Russia when stocks plunged.

Mexico's peso sank to its weakest level since the currency was allowed to float in the mid-1990s, and stocks plunged.

U.S. President George W. Bush said it would take time to restore confidence in the financial system and free up credit, saying it was important that the rescue program not waste taxpayer money. **REUTERS**

## Election Afghans gearing up



An Afghan woman poses with her newly made voter registration card in Parwan province, north of Kabul yesterday. Afghanistan began registering voters yesterday for elections due next year that will test support for President Hamid Karzai.

## News in brief

**HEALTH** Two French scientists who discovered the AIDS virus and a German who found a virus that causes cervical cancer were awarded the 2008 Nobel prize for medicine yesterday. Luc Montagnier and Francoise Barre-Sinoussi won half the prize of \$1.4 million US for discovering the virus that has killed 25 million people since it was identified in the 1980s. Dr. Harald zur Hausen shared the other half of the prize for work about the cause of cervical cancer.

**ATTACK** A suicide bomber killed at least 12 people and wounded around 30 including a leading Pakistani opposition politician and member of the minority Shiite Muslim community yesterday, police said.

**DISASTER** A powerful earthquake killed at least 72 people in Kyrgyzstan and levelled a village in the remote mountains of the Central Asian state, the health ministry said yesterday. **REUTERS**

## Business

### Recession fears batter TSX

**Panic selling from Tokyo to Toronto sent stock markets down sharply again yesterday on increasing fears of a global economic crisis that saw oil slide below \$88 US a barrel and the loonie creeping ever closer to 90 cents US.**

Earlier in trading, the S&P/TSX composite index plunged nearly 1,200 points — by far the biggest one-day point drop on record, and marking its first dip below 10,000 since July 2005.

When the wild ride was over, Bay Street had clawed back more than half its

earlier losses, with Toronto's main index sinking 572.92 points, or 5.3 per cent, to close at 10,230.43.

No sector was left unscathed, from financials to metals and energy to industrials. The financials sector fell 3.7 per cent, while the utilities subgroup fell six per cent.

Materials stocks dropped six per cent as concerns about falling demand for commodities pulled down base metals prices.

But gold, an economic haven, climbed \$33.80 US an ounce to close at \$862.70. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## In brief

**ACQUISITION** Scotiabank will buy Sun Life Financial's stake in fund manager CI Financial for \$2.3 billion to boost its wealth management operations.

**CONSTRUCTION** The construction industry retreated in August, with permits falling by 13.5 per cent from July. Nonresidential fell 19.3 points, while residential was down 9.3.

**CUTS** eBay said it will cut 10 per cent of its workforce, or 1,600 workers, and spend \$1.3 billion US to invest in payment and classifieds infrastructure and to offset a slowdown in online auctions. **REUTERS**

## Economy to stall into 2009: Bankers

**GROWTH** Canada's economy will show little or no growth for much of the next year, economists for TD, RBC, CIBC, BMO and Scotiabank said yesterday at an emergency panel discussion held by the Economic Club of Toronto to talk about the global economic crisis.

TD's economist suggested there will be no snapback in growth in 2010, while RBC's said the U.S. recession and shallow recovery would continue to hurt exports. **REUTERS**

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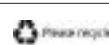
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## Your Money

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## SmartCookies



Even the smartest of cookies needs a little help navigating the financial world. So when you are looking for a professional to weigh in with advice on your investment portfolio performance or even what you can and can't write off, knowing who to turn to can be almost as confusing as getting advice in the first place. So here's our breakdown of some of the top financial experts you may want to add to your roster:

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**When They Can Help:**

- Investment portfolio management and advice: Not sure how much you should be investing in stocks, bonds, GICs? Financial Advisors will assess

your financial goals and focus on providing you with investment advice to match. They are compensated on an annual basis by a percentage of the assets they manage for you.

- Financial checkup/ planning: Some financial advisors are also designated as Financial Planners. They can review your entire financial picture and also offer suggestions on debt and insurance.
- Look for:**
  - Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and someone who has passed the Canadian Securities Course and is licensed in your area.
- Where to Find One:**
  - Financial Planners Standards Council (cfp.ca.org/public/public\_finder.asp).

**FINANCIAL PLANNERS**

**When They Can Help:**

- Financial checkup: If you need someone to review your different financial obligations and options — debt, insurance, stock options, retirement plans, savings — but you

don't feel as if you have any of them under control. Many planners offer a full assessment for a fee rather than an ongoing percentage of what they sell you.

- Money management: You're not interested in single-handedly managing your own finances. You need help monitoring investments and alerts when it's time to shift your portfolio, the markets change or your needs may change.
- Guidance through life changes: You're a new parent contemplating if someone can stay at home. You're going through a divorce and are adjusting to your new financial setup. You want information and guidance with new tax, property, and retirement issues.
- Look for:**
  - Accredited Certified Financial Planner (CFP).
- Where to Find One:**
  - Financial Planners Standards Council (fpssc.ca.org/find\_a\_cfp\_professional).

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### Allan Small

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## Money matters in elections

**Q** Two years ago, my family and I became residents of Canada. I know very little about the Canadian election process. Particularly, how it impacts my family and our finances. How do I determine which party to choose?

## MoneyMatters



**A** I applaud that you take this duty seriously. Let's have a glance at some of the promises:

**Conservatives — PM Stephen Harper**

- First-time homebuyers tax credit. Rebate up to \$750.
- Increase Senior Age Credit by \$1,000.
- New tax credit for parents with kids in eligible arts programs such as music or dance.
- Allow charitable groups to set up RESPs for kids from low-income families.

**Liberals — Stéphane Dion**

- A \$600 per year increase of Guaranteed Income Sup-

## Election 2008

plement for low-income seniors.

- Additional \$350 to existing \$1,200 child care allowance.
- Carbon tax on fossil fuels, with an offsetting cut to business taxes.
- Simplify tax system for post-secondary students and provide \$1,000 per year.

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Philadelphia Eagles running back Brian Westbrook suffered fractured ribs on Sunday against Washington and his status for this week's game against San Francisco is uncertain. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

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## Voracek shines in pre-season

Former Halifax Mooseheads star Jakub Voracek, left, finished tied for sixth in NHL pre-season scoring, leading the Columbus Blue Jackets with two goals and six assists in seven games. The 19-year-old has all but guaranteed himself a spot on the Blue Jackets' opening-night roster.

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# Rays take out White Sox

## Upton hits a pair of dingers to send Tampa to ALCS

Rays 6 White Sox 2

**B.J. Upton hit two solo homers, and the Tampa Bay Rays defeated the Chicago White Sox, 6-2 yesterday, to clinch their first berth in an American League Championship Series in franchise history.**

Andy Sonnanstine held the White Sox to two runs on three hits in 5½ innings, with four strikeouts and a walk, to win Game 4, and in the process clinch this American League Division Series for the Rays, who are making their first postseason appearance.

"If you have seen us play all year we've played that game a lot," said Rays manager Joe Maddon. "That's what's so nice. When you keep things simple and you just play the fundamentals of the game appropriately then good things can happen. Espe-



Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Grant Balfour, right, celebrates with catcher Dioner Navarro as his team defeated the Chicago White Sox to win their American League Divisional Series yesterday.

cially when you are playing with a bunch of skillful young men like we have."

Carlos Pena went 3-for-4 with two RBI to supplement the early blasts by

Upton.

"It means everything," said Upton when asked about the post-game celebration. "We've been at the bottom of the barrel

for so long. And I think there was a point in time where people didn't even know who we were.

"And for the guys that have been here for awhile, Carl Crawford, I think it benefits him the most. I mean, he's been through some tough times. He's been in last place most of his career and ... right now we're in a good position."

**Red Sox 3, Angels 2** — The Boston Red Sox blew a two-run lead in the eighth inning, allowing the Los Angeles Angels tied the game and seemingly set up another extra innings affair, but Boston came back in the bottom of the ninth to win and advance to the ALCS.

Canadian Jason Bay hit a ground-rule double and was driven in by a single by Jed Lowrie.

Game 1 of the ALCS is set for Friday, which Tampa Bay will host.

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## Lightning swap pair to Canucks

**NHL** The Tampa Bay Lightning acquired defenseman Lukas Krajicek and forward Juraj Simek from the Vancouver Canucks for



defenseman Shane O'Brien and forward Michel Ouellet yesterday. The 25-year-old Krajicek played two goals and nine assists in 39 games for the Canucks last season. Last season with Tampa, O'Brien, 25, had a career-high four goals and 21 points along with 154 penalty minutes in 77 games. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Duffy rockets to hot start in QMJHL

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**HOCKEY** Every level Ben Duffy has played, he has been a prolific scorer, piling up points and winning scoring races.

If anyone expected him to slow down in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, they were dead wrong.

The 16-year-old Lower Sackville forward has launched himself to the top of the rookie scoring race with five goals and five assists in just seven games with the P.E.I. Rocket.

"So far, he's our best player," said Rocket general manager Serge Savard Jr. "I

don't care about age. He's just a machine. He has a chance to be rookie of the year in the Q and he has a bright, bright future. He's shown signs of a superstar."

The Rocket selected Duffy fifth overall in June's draft, but had him ranked second behind defenceman Brandon Gormley, who went first overall to the Moncton Wildcats. Savard said Duffy has been even better than his staff expected.

"I wouldn't trade (Duffy for Gormley) right now," Savard said. "I love Gormley but we're very happy with the player we got. Every time he touches the puck,

it's scary. It's a scoring chance."

The 5-foot-10, 178-pounder is gathering steam for his NHL draft year in 2010 and has been enjoying the ride.

"It's been great, being around all the older guys and learning new things every practice, every game," said Duffy, last year's Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League MVP.

"It's been an adjustment to how quick they move the puck. Once the puck is on your stick, it has to be right off, and you have to keep your feet moving at all times."



Duffy

## SCOREBOARD

### QMJHL

ATLANTIC DIVISION				
W	L	OT	P	
Cape Breton	8	1	0	16
Moncton	7	0	1	15
Bathurst	5	3	2	12
Saint John	4	6	0	8
P.E.I.	2	4	1	5
HALIFAX	2	8	0	4

CENTRAL DIVISION				
W	L	OT	P	
Drummondville	7	1	1	15
Shawinigan	7	3	0	14
Victoriaville	5	5	0	10
Lewiston	4	5	0	8

EAST DIVISION				
W	L	OT	P	
Quebec	7	1	0	14
Rimouski	4	3	0	8
Baie-Comeau	2	3	3	7
P.E.I.	2	4	1	5
CHICOUTIMI	3	6	0	6

WEST DIVISION				
W	L	OT	P	
Montreal	5	3	0	10
Gatineau	4	4	1	9

Tampa Bay vs. Chicago W. Sox				
W	L	OT	P	
Tampa Bay	6	0	0	12
Chicago W. Sox	2	4	0	6

LAST NIGHT'S RESULT				
W	L	OT	P	
Tampa Bay	6	0	0	12
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Chicago Cubs	5	1	0	11
L.A. Dodgers	4	2	0	6

DIVISIONAL SERIES PLAYOFFS				
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Chicago Cubs	5	1	0	11
L.A. Dodgers	4	2	0	6

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Chicago Cubs	5	1	0	11
L.A. Dodgers	4	2	0	6

LAST NIGHT'S GAME				
W	L	OT	P	
Chicago Cubs	5	1	0	11
L.A. Dodgers	4	2	0	6

CFL				
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Toronto	1	0	0	2
Edmonton	0	1	0	1

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Toronto	1	0	0	2
Edmonton	0	1	0	1

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W	L	OT	P	
Saint Mary's	5	0	0	10
Mount Allison	2	3	0	4

SATURDAY'S GAMES				
W	L	OT	P	
Mount Allison	2	3	0	4
Acadia	0	5	0	4

## Sports in brief

**HOCKEY** Former Halifax Mooseheads sniper Ryan Hillier is packing his bags for the East Coast Hockey League. Hillier, an 84th overall draft pick in the New York Rangers in 2006, was assigned to the Charlotte

Checkers from the American Hockey League's Hartford Wolf Pack on Monday. The Wolf Pack also released former Mooseheads forward Peter-James Corsi, who was trying out as a free agent. **METRO HALIFAX**

**71** The CFL-record number of passes caught Saturday in Hamilton. The Tiger-Cats' Quinton Porter completed 27. Montreal Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo completed 44. The previous record was 70, set in 1993.

**ny Crivello** to join O.J.'s entourage for the party when the two were finished with an interview Friday night.

"That's how certain he was," Crivello said Saturday, after Simpson and co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart were found guilty of all charges, including armed robbery and kidnapping with a deadly weapon. "The party was all prepared."

• The Boston Bruins are seeking to trade veterans Peter Schaefer and P.J. Axelsson ... U.S. television viewers finally will get to see Hockey Night in Canada coverage in their homes this year, thanks to the new NHL Network, owned by the league ... TSN likely will carry parts of an interesting ESPN interview tonight, when former Montreal Expos reliever Ugueth Urbina will speak from a Venezuelan prison, where he is spending a 14-year sentence for attempted murder ... The Winnipeg Blue Bombers' Milt Stegall, leading receiver in CFL history, tried to help Sportsnet's poor ratings on the weekend by holding one of the network's microphones, looking into one of its cameras and suggesting with a straight face that hockey "isn't a sport." He compared it to darts. Don't know if the strange revelation helped Sportsnet, but it sure didn't help Stegall's image. Made himself look bush-league.

Simpson associate Thomas Riccio even invited U.S. radio-show host Antho-

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**Exercise soon after stroke may boost outlook**

If people who have had a stroke can be out of bed and walking within 24 hours, their psychological well-being is likely to improve, according to an Australian study. In the early period after stroke, patients are often kept in bed. **REUTERS**

# Health

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## What's good for your skin?

Ever wonder which of the thousands of beauty and skin care products out there actually work? Author Paula Begoun debunks all myths and offers readers scientifically-researched reviews on many of these products in the 7th edition of *Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me*, \$29.95. Available at Chapters/Indigo and at [Cosmeticscop.com](http://Cosmeticscop.com). **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

# The commitment gene

Can a study of rodent genetics help explain straying in human males?

## The J Spot

**Josey Vogels**

Sex talk with Josey

can see it now. You meet a nice guy, you're out on your first date together, things are going swimmingly and by about dessert you're thinking: I like this guy. I could see this going somewhere. At which point you give him your best come hither look, gently take his hand in yours and stab him with a pin prick to draw some blood so you can test his commitment status.

Don't laugh. It could just be a matter of time before some entrepreneurial spirit takes advantage of the recent findings of a team of U.S. and Swedish researchers and makes this scenario possible.

According to a study of about 500 single and married men, the same gene that affects a rodent's ability to mate for life may affect human males' ability to commit.

Seems there is a certain prairie vole that mates for life. The male is very attentive, looks after the pups, helps with feeding, in other words, every woman's dream mate.

Then there is the meadow vole, a scamp of a vole that's only interested in one-night stands. Turns out the only difference between these



According to recent findings by U.S. and Swedish researchers, commitmentphobia may be more nature than nurture.

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voles is in a gene that plays a role in determining whether or not the vole is a commitment-phobe.

Human males have a similar gene, and the guys in the

study with the meadow vole version of the gene earned low earned scores on their partner bonding scale, and were less likely to be married at all.

As if guys need more reasons to avoid commitment. Imagine: "Oh sorry baby, I cheated on you but I can't help myself. I'm genetically programmed to stray."

Luckily, as a colleague of mine so eloquently once put it, we are more than simply "hairy bags of water." As such, attributing one's behaviour entirely to genetics

is a cop-out. In fact, one could argue that our ability to commit has more to do with what's going on in our genes than in our genes.

As far as I'm concerned, commitment is more about choice than anything else. It's about deciding that your current relationship is worth much more than the fleeting excitement you get from a brand new attraction.

But as a culture we like new: the newest technology, the newest trends, the newest brand of dish soap. When it comes to relationships, new is without baggage and isn't someone who

knows you so well you hardly get away with any crap anymore.

Commitment doesn't mean you won't ever be attracted to anyone else ever again, or that your partner won't bore you or drive you crazy a good percentage of the time. It does mean, though, that when he or she does, you won't automatically bail, or start shopping for a new model. Because remember, the person you're with was also new once.

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit [joseyvogels.com](http://joseyvogels.com).

## In brief

**MENTAL HEALTH** U.S. children are substantially more likely to be prescribed drugs for mental conditions than their peers in the Netherlands and Germany, new research shows. The findings raise questions about treatment of mental health issues among U.S. children that should be answered, Dr. Julie M. Zito of the University of Maryland in Baltimore, the study's lead author said.

**OBESSE CHILDREN** South Korea plans to help obese children pay for health club memberships and other activities that can help them lose weight, an official said last week. **REUTERS**

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Zack Snyder has confirmed there will be a 300 sequel. The director, who helmed the movie adaptation of Frank Miller's graphic novel in 2006, has confirmed the author is penning and drawing a new story on which the film followup will be based. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

# Entertainment

## Depp's bounty

Johnny Depp is to earn US \$56 million for the fourth *Pirates of the Caribbean* film. The sum is reportedly the largest upfront payment in film history. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)



### In brief

**THEATRE** The Grafton Street Dinner Theatre's next production *Too Many Fish In The Sea* begins Friday and runs through Jan. 18. The show is about finding love on the Internet and the surprises sometimes found in face-to-face meetings.

**LECTURE** Euan MacDonald is giving a public talk at the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery tonight at 8 p.m. to discuss his work, everythinghappensatonce, which remains on display through Sunday. Video works on monitors and in large projections make up the core of the exhibition, complemented by drawings and a tabletop sculpture. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Eddins guest-conducting Symphony

**CONCERT** The musical director of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, William Eddins, is joining Symphony Nova Scotia to conduct and perform well-known classics by Beethoven, Mozart and Mendelssohn tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.



William Eddins

Eddins, a long-time pianist from Buffalo, N.Y., will begin the program by conducting Beethoven's *Coriolan Overture*. Next is Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 25, K.503*, followed by Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 5 Reformation*.

Eddins, who has been playing piano since he was five, has held assistant conductor posts with both the Chicago Symphony and the Minnesota Orchestra before moving to Edmonton. Eddins will conduct from both the piano and podium during tomorrow's performance.

"I'm looking forward to making my way clear across Canada and spending some quality time with Symphony Nova Scotia," Eddins said in a release.

Tickets range from \$32 to \$47.50. **METRO HALIFAX**



Paul Gross was in Halifax yesterday to promote his highly anticipated film *Passchendaele*, which opens in theatres nationwide Oct. 17.

## Gross's Passchendaele passion

Grandfather's war stories helped inspire filmmaker

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**Paul Gross remembers listening to the gruesome stories from his grandfather about the First World War.**

The stories were moving and heart-wrenching.

So, in making the war movie *Passchendaele*, Gross' grandfather was on his mind as the battles played out in the film.

"To get that hit, that this is what it was like, was an extraordinary gift," Gross said yesterday at the Halifax Westin Hotel.

"I don't know what kind of breed of men they were. I don't know how they did this. I wouldn't have lasted 20 seconds."

It was the war stories told by his grandfather that ignited Gross' interest in making *Passchendaele*, a movie set during the height of the First World War.

The film explores the horrific battle for *Passchendaele*, a fight that claimed about a million

lives and eventually found Canada victorious thanks to determination, commitment and triumph.

Gross was in Halifax to promote the film and later spoke to a sold-out audience following its premiere in the city last night at Oxford Theatre.

Gross is plugging the movie from coast-to-coast as the buzz grows for its official release in theatres Oct. 17.

"Really, the movie is a love story with war as the culminating event," said Gross, who is the film's lead actor, writer, director and producer.

"I think it's because gradually I became more interested in the intimacy of warfare. What it does to communities and neighbours and love and innocence."

The movie was filmed in Alberta and took about a year to make. It cost \$20 million, which is high for a Canadian film.

"It did have a lot of money, but if this was a U.S. studio, they wouldn't con-

**"I don't know what kind of breed of men they were. I don't know how they did this. I wouldn't have lasted 20 seconds."**

Paul Gross

template it for anything less than US \$100 million," said Gross, who is from Calgary.

"So, we were still making a very low-budget film in comparison, and I can guarantee there wasn't a day that went by on that set where I didn't think I couldn't use another \$80 million."

Gross doesn't know how big this movie will be, but resigns himself to the fact it's out of his control.

"I just really hope those who do go to see it — and I hope every human being breathing in Canada goes to see it — really feels it was time well spent," he said.

### SPECIAL ADVERTISING FEATURE

## Glow Parties: Experts in Goooooolishly Good Times

First-time visitors to Glow Parties are easy to spot: Their jaws drop open as they take in the astounding floor-to-ceiling big shop of horrors.

The year-round party superstore's Halifax headquarters is a mind-blowing experience. Swaying corpses hang from the ceiling, body parts are stacked up at the meat counter and electronic witches wander the floor cackling. The unfortunate, life-sized man they call Jolt heaves and hollers on the electric chair as hockey-mask horror star Jason from Friday the 13th swings his blood-stained sword at your head.

Glow Parties has your Halloween needs covered, from birth on up. In fact, with the hot new Mommy-to-Be line, they even have costumes for expectant mothers. You can buy your own costume, or rent something that will make you the star of the party.

From fun classroom parties to full-on haunted houses, Glow Parties delivers the party to you. Their ace team of creative designers & event planners will help you plan your event, whether you want a house party to remember or a corporate event that will set you apart from the competition. They have professional make-up artists to teach you to get



your throat wound just right, and employ the only two Certified Balloon Artists east of Montreal.

Glow Parties has the perfect accessories to help you build your own costume, or you can chose from ready-made hits like the *Dark Knight*, *Indiana Jones*, *Knight Rider*, *Halo 3*, *Barbie* and *Ken*, the *Flintstones* and the exclusive *Playboy* line.

Kids will love the *Dora the Explorer* and *Hannah Montana* costumes and there's even a range of infant and dog outfits. (Kid's costumes 25% off / infants & dogs 10% off until Oct. 17).

Make sure you visit again after Halloween as the store flips back to an incredible Party Superstore that changes with the season. Visit [www.glowparties.ca](http://www.glowparties.ca), call 443-GLOW (4569) or drop in & see for yourself.





# Bacon on Booth

Kevin Bacon is ready to take aim at John Wilkes Booth. The actor is developing a series for Showtime about former U.S. president Abraham Lincoln's assassin. **TVGUIDE.COM**



# Prom pains linger

**UGLY BEAUTY:** One of the side effects of the multichannel universe and the explosion of reality television feeding each other so voraciously is that we have a wealth of TV on offer every night that appeals to more than just our desire to be diverted and entertained. Let me make this a little clearer: there's an awful lot of stuff out there that you'll watch even if you're probably not enjoying yourself, in the most supreme sense of the word.

Slice's *Beautiful People*, which debuted last night and gets repeated all over the network's schedule for the next week, is a fascinating bit of television that will probably irritate, enrage and disgust anyone with a healthy self-image and a worldview more profound than that of a spoiled and oversexed college junior. Still, it's hard to stop watching the show, which plays out like the cultural equivalent of a slow-motion train wreck, or a televised execution.

The first episode of the show follows Robert and Greg as they make their way from Los Angeles to Toronto to start the latest branch of *Beautiful People*, their apparently highly lucrative social networking website. It's basically Facebook with a doorman — a members-only website where good looks are the principal requirement for admission, and applicants are voted in by their prospective peers.

## Ex-headmistress suing Oprah

**COURTS** The former headmistress of Oprah Winfrey's South African school is suing the talk-show host for defamation, *imdb.com* reports. Nomvuyo Mzamane, who led the South African Leadership Academy for Girls, filed a lawsuit against Winfrey in Philadelphia on Friday in an attempt to salvage her professional reputation, according to *People.com*. The civil suit claims Winfrey "launched what amounted to a defamatory campaign" against Mzamane late last year. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Coldplay take two top music awards

**MUSIC** British band Coldplay won two top prizes at the Q music magazine awards on Monday, taking the Best Album title for chart-topper *Viva La Vida or Death and All His Friends* and the Best Act in the World. **REUTERS**

## IntelleVision



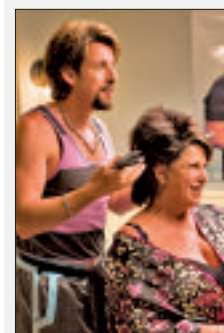
The two men are marvels of oily self-confidence, strutting, self-styled players with indeterminate European accents who would probably be played by the Wills Farrell and Arnett in the movie parody. They're spoiled and demanding, complaining bitterly about the luxury loft they've been put up in, and walking the streets of Toronto despairing that the city, never mind the country beyond it, has anyone up to the standards of their club. Once you've allowed *Beautiful People* to colonize more than 10 minutes of your time, the implications of the show — and Robert and Greg's business — can't help but get under your skin. If you're too uncomfortable with almost eugenic concept, it's also pretty likely that you probably wouldn't meet its

standards. Judging by the applicants up for judgment on the beta website right now, there's a pretty narrow standard of beauty in effect, and some fairly attractive people are getting a big thumbs down from the jury. I have no illusions that I'd pass muster — too old, too fat, too bald, too weird — but I'm grateful that I've reached a tranquil plateau in my life where I don't really care.

With so many shows on primetime these days that look like they've been cast on the *Beautiful People* principle — *The Hills*, *Gossip Girl*, the new 90210 come to mind quickest, though the list is long, probably endless — *Beautiful People* actually reads like a subtle sort of social criticism masquerading as reality fluff. If nothing else, it's a rude reminder that the pitiless, Darwinian culture of high school has an effective half-life that lingers for at least a couple of decades after you survive the senior prom.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

## DVD picks



Adam Sandler stars in *You Don't Mess with the Zohan*.

## You Don't Mess with the Zohan

Director: Dennis Dugan  
Rating: PG-13

**ADAM SANDLER'S** movies have become so dreadfully predictable — the violent nerd always gets the beautiful girl — that when he does something a little different, you can't help but smile. Even if a few brain cells die in the process.

*You Don't Mess With the Zohan* is possibly the nuttiest thing Sandler has ever done, but it's also funnier than most of his

recent comedies. Credit that to his co-writers Robert Smigel and Judd Apatow, who manage to slide a few odd zingers in-between the gross-out jokes.

Sandler plays an ace Israeli counterterrorist commando named Zohan who yearns not to be the new James Bond, super spy, but rather the new Paul Mitchell, super stylist. Zohan decamps for New York for a new career in hair clipping and blow-drying, but his past follows him, in the person of Palestinian nemesis The Phantom (John Turturro, in great comic form), a man so menacing, he chugs glasses of live baby chickens. The movie is only fitfully funny, especially when a lame subplot about rapacious developers intrudes, but there are some decent laughs. And the great thing about DVD is you can always skip ahead to the next section.

The disc is available in single, double disc and Blu-ray packages, with much deleted scenes and behind-the-scenes action.

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## The Happening

Director: M. Night Shyamalan  
Rating: R

**IS M. NIGHT SHYAMALAN** even trying anymore?

The once-promising horror auteur follows his dead-in-the-water *Lady in the Water* with an eco-terror thriller so laughably inane, it had theatre audiences howling at suicide scenes.

And what a waste of a promising concept this is. *The Happening* imagines a rebellion by plants that are mad as hell and not going to take it anymore. They switch from pumping out oxygen to instead producing a brain gas that causes humans to spontaneously hit the "off" button, in various gruesome ways.

Jerry Seinfeld's animated *Bee Movie* had more serious science in it. *The Happening* DVD is available in various DVD formats, but the Blu-ray has a featurette of how Shyamalan did the movie's single cool digital effect.

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## critics' corner

**Little Mosque on the Prairie** Aaaa! Come back, Aaaa! In this new episode, the young imam (Zaid Shaikh) leaves Mercy to return to Toronto and ponder his future in the wake of J.J.'s (Stephen Lobo) proposal to Rayyan (Sitara Hewitt). Yasir (Carlo Rota) tries to persuade him to return, but this may be easier said than done. 8 PM on CBC



**Private Practice** For medicinal purposes only — Addison and Sam (Kate Walsh, Taye Diggs) stage a coup in order to bring the practice out of bankruptcy, while Violet's (Amy Brenneman) friendship with Cooper (Paul Adelstein) is on the brink of extinction. Then, a couple fights for an unethical treatment at Oceanside Wellness. 10 PM on ABC ASN

**Lipstick Jungle** Nico (Kim Raver) has a lot on her mind as she butts heads with the new chief executive officer, Griffin Bell (James Lesure), and Kirby (Robert Buckley) complicates matters when he insists on taking their relationship public. Meanwhile, things are heating up quickly for Victory and her new contractor, Rodrigo (Lindsay Price, Carlos Ponce), but Joe (Andrew McCarthy) keeps interrupting in the new episode "Chapter 10: Let It Be." 11 PM on NBC

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	40	40	40	SLICE	Matchmaker	Til Debt-Part	End of Leash	ET Canada	Last 10	Bulging Brides	Work Out	
	47	47	47	SPACE	Stargate SG-1 (DVS)	Lost "Deus Ex Machina"	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	CSM NY (HDTV) (N)	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	CSM NY (HDTV) (N)	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	
	14	14	14	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	TMZ (N)	etalk	Paris Hilton's My New BFF	Tonight Show	
	98	98	98	STAR	FashionTele	Look-A-Like	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear	Ad Persuasion	Beverly Hills, 90210	What Happen?	Reality	Family Guy	Seinfeld	
variety	34	34	34	TROP	Reality	Ad Persuasion	Beverly Hills, 90210	What Happen?	Reality	Family Guy	Seinfeld	
	20	20	20	TVS	Que-champion	Journal de Fr2	Toute une histoire	No Place Like	Summer Wine	What You Eat	Supersize vs. Superskinny (N)	
	28	28	28	V	Side Effects	Journal de Fr2	Toute une histoire	No Place Like	Summer Wine	What You Eat	Supersize vs. Superskinny (N)	
	22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Grocery	What You Eat	Supersize vs. Superskinny (N)	
	251	251	251	WGN	Be-Millionaire	Evening News	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model (N)	90210 (HDTV)	WGN News	

Former American Idol star LaKisha Jones married financial adviser Larry Davis on Sunday in Los Angeles. Davis proposed to Jones, whom he met through friends, in June. **PEOPLE.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Lauren denies betraying pal

**PEOPLE** The Hills star Lauren Conrad is denying reports that she had a fling with Justin Bobby, the on/off boyfriend of her former roommate Audrina Patridge, *us-magazine.com* reports.

"I'm being accused of being a bad friend, a s--- and a liar all at once. It would actually be funny to me if people weren't taking it seriously," Conrad says. "The worst thing is knowing that a friend, that I've known for years and even shared a home with, thinks that I'm capable of

that kind of betrayal. I would never hurt a friend like that!"

PerezHilton.com reported that Patridge learned of the alleged hookup about a week ago from one of Bobby's friends.

"Once again someone has mysteriously called Perez Hilton and had him post another insane and completely false rumour about me," Conrad

blogged on her MySpace page. "What kind of person would enjoy watching blogs and the press tear me apart?"

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### Calista reveals battle in returning to work

**PEOPLE** Calista Flockhart reportedly fell apart when she gave up her role as a full-time mother to return to acting, *imdb.com* reports.

After raising son Liam from infancy, the former Ally McBeal star returned to the small screen in 2006 to star in *Brothers and Sisters*.

"All of a sudden, I wasn't home to pick Liam up from school and I realized it wasn't really OK, and I

wasn't happy, and I was scratching my eyes out," Flockhart tells *C Magazine*. "I couldn't believe I'd put myself in this situation."

Flockhart was grateful she had boyfriend Harrison Ford to fall back on, as the actor became a full-time dad.

"(I) was very comforted knowing that Harrison was there. He really stepped up and became a stay-at-home dad," she says.

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### Amy's guest list veers on long side

**MARRIAGE** Amy Adams with me at all. He has a wants a huge wonderful talent and ding, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who recently announced her engagement to Darren Le Gallo, her boyfriend of six years, wants to tie the knot in front of her entire family in a lavish ceremony.

"I'm one of seven kids — it was never going to be a small wedding!" she says.

Adams also revealed she and her aspiring actor fiancé are not competitive when it comes to their careers.

"Darren is not competitive

with me at all. He has a wonderful talent and there aren't many people in the world who are like that, where he does not think that my success is his failure," she tells *Vanity Fair* magazine. "He just doesn't see it like that, and I don't either. If anything, he's probably a little more protective. He is very protective of other people's ownership of me."

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### Jay-Z splashes out for Beyoncé's wedding ring

**MARRIAGE** Rapper Jay-Z spent \$4.3 million US on singer Beyoncé Knowles's wedding ring, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Although the couple married in a secret ceremony in April, Beyoncé had so far refused to show off the band until she was seen on a Miami beach with her sister Solange last weekend.

The ring is believed to be from the

jewellers Schwartz.

Mohammed Cimark, who runs Precious Gems and Jewels in London, confirmed the huge octagon-cut diamond is a rarity.

"If it is 18 carats then it's a lovely size, an exceptional diamond. It's clearly a premium stone," he says.

The jeweller says he believed the stone had been sourced from Africa.

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### Humour wins over Robin

**RELATIONSHIPS** Sean Penn wooed his wife Robin Wright Penn on their first date by making her laugh in a ridiculous outfit, *imdb.com* reports.

The husband and wife of 12 years are back together after a brief split earlier this year.

"I walked in, the door was ajar," she says.

"We were going to dinner. He said, 'I'll be right in.' Five minutes later, he came in wearing cowboy boots, a jock strap, a pit helmet and a bow tie. I think that's probably why I'm with him, because I'd never seen that on a first date before."

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### Keira pans unnecessary nudity

**MOVIES** Keira Knightley has never been shy about showing some skin in a movie, but if you ask her, it was all warranted and boosted the storyline, *popeater.com* reports.

"I certainly wouldn't do it if I wasn't (comfortable)," Knightley told *Glamour* magazine. "I detest unnecessary nudity and what it says about women in society. I think you see a lot of films where, 'Oh yes, the woman

gets her t--- out again and runs around naked for no reason.' And you kind of go, 'Ugh, do we have to?'"

One thing Knightley says she won't talk about, however, is her love life.

"I never say anything about who I date or who I don't date, and there I've made one statement and I'm not going to make another one," Knightley says.

She is reportedly dating actor Rupert Friend.

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#### celebrity brief

##### Paris plans to have kids soon

**FAMILY** Paris Hilton has babies on the brain, *People.com* reports.

"I definitely want three or four (children)," the socialite said in Las Vegas Saturday night, while partying at Pure Nightclub for her sister's birthday.

The youngsters may be arriving sooner rather than later, too.

"Soon," Hilton says with respect to a timeline. "Maybe a year or two."

In the meantime, Hilton is just enjoying domestic life with her boyfriend Benji Madden.

"We just had our seven-month anniversary," she says. "We are just so happy."

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#### celebrity brief

##### I'm not overtly sexy, Victoria says

**PEOPLE** Victoria Beckham seems to be suffering from low self-esteem after having moved to Los Angeles, saying she feels out of place among the beautiful people and looks "a bit off," *orange.co.uk* reports her as telling *Glamour* magazine.

"I know I'm not overtly sexy to men. I'm just not one of those women," the former Spice Girl says.

However, Beckham adds that she deals with her self-doubt by being "very in touch with my spiritual self" and realizing she's "a girl who made the best of herself."

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### Gossip spurs Anne's friends

**PEOPLE** Anne Hathaway has hit out at her friends for believing tabloid rumours about her love life, *imdb.com* reports.

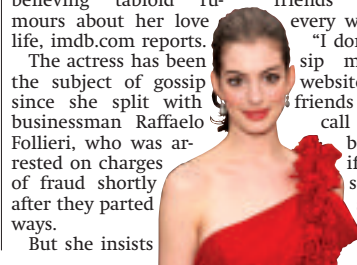
The actress has been the subject of gossip since she split with businessman Raffaello Follieri, who was arrested on charges of fraud shortly after they parted ways.

But she insists

she's still single and is sick of fielding calls from girlfriends who believe every word they read.

"I don't look at gossip magazines and websites, but my friends do and they call me out of the blue and ask me if I'm dating someone," she says.

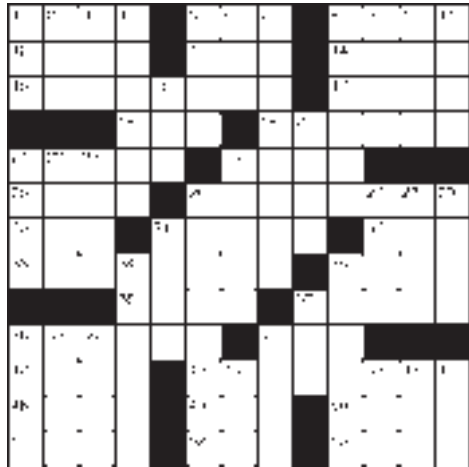
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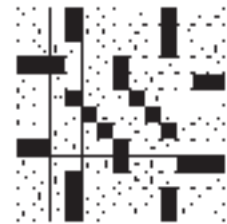
### Crossword across

- |                                |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Junk in the in-box           | 31 10 million rupees |
| 5 Stir-fry pan                 | 32 Sticky stuff      |
| 8 Greet the villain            | 33 Jerry Garcia fan  |
| 12 Operatic showstopper        | 35 Lion's pride?     |
| 13 Rage                        | 36 Feeble            |
| 14 Reverberate                 | 37 Autumnal quaff    |
| 15 "Yellow" band               | 38 Dramatist Molnar  |
| 17 Horse of a different color? | 41 Swindle           |
| 18 Scoundrel                   | 42 Satan's field     |
| 19 Cognac, e.g.                | 43 Winter woe        |
| 21 Lieu                        | 48 Snitch            |
| 24 Brat's stocking stuffer     | 49 Mess up           |
| 25 "— Fiction"                 | 50 Squared away      |
| 26 Make like a caught possum   | 51 War god           |
| 30 Recede                      | 52 Urban scurrer     |
|                                | 53 Information       |

### Crossword down

- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Pouch                   | 26 Pulpit VIP               |
| 2 Expert                  | 27 "Zounds!"                |
| 3 Have 43-Across, maybe   | 28 Top-notch                |
| 4 Capricious and reckless | 29 Active person            |
| 5 Untamed                 | 31 "Big Brother" host Julie |
| 6 Feast-famine link       | 34 Resides                  |
| 7 PC requirement          | 35 Chopped finely           |
| 8 Boston news-paper       | 37 Cape —                   |
| 9 Pic to click            | 38 Greek cheese             |
| 10 Roe provider           | 39 Always                   |
| 11 PlayStation maker      | 40 Anger                    |
| 16 Cushion                | 41 Wagon                    |
| 20 Bygone comic Martha    | 44 Historic time            |
| 21 Raced                  | 45 Eggs                     |
| 22 Toothpaste holder      | 46 Allow                    |
| 23 Exile isle             | 47 "CSI" evidence           |
| 24 Mantle                 |                             |

### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



6	4	8	1	3	2	5	9	7
3	9	5	7	6	4	1	2	8
7	1	2	5	8	9	6	4	3
9	8	3	2	5	7	4	6	1
1	2	7	6	4	3	8	5	9
4	5	6	9	1	8	7	3	2
8	3	1	4	2	6	9	7	5
5	7	4	3	9	1	2	8	6
2	6	9	8	7	5	3	1	4

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### SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- |                    |         |                 |                 |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Under 13 min ..... | Genius  | 17-21 min ..... | Smart           |
| 13-17 min .....    | Scholar | 21-25 min ..... | Not bad         |
|                    |         | 25+ min .....   | Keep practising |

### Recipe of the day



### Sweet Potato Soup

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground ginger
- 1 tsp (5 mL) allspice
- 4 cups (1 L) low-sodium vegetable or chicken broth
- 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch (2.5-cm) pieces
- 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) natural peanut or almond butter
- 1 package (16 oz/450 g) frozen shelled edamame
- 5 oz (150 g) baby spinach

#### METHOD:

- Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add garlic, onion and bell pepper and cook until lightly browned, 5 minutes. Add ginger and allspice and cook for 1 minute.
- Stir in broth, sweet potato

toes and tomatoes and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer until potatoes are just tender, 15 minutes.

3. Place peanut butter in a small bowl. Whisk in about 1 cup (250 mL) of the simmering broth. Return to pan and add edamame and spinach. Cook until edamame is cooked through, 10 minutes.

#### PER SERVING:

- 405 calories, 20 g protein, 40 g carbohydrates, 10 g fiber, 20 g total fat, 3 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 303 mg sodium

#### SERVES 6



### Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	5		4	2		6	
7			3	8			2
	9			6		1	
		7			8		
9	6					7	3
		5			9		
	7		2			3	
6			5	7			4
	1		6	4	2		

### Horoscopes

**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
You'll understand irresponsible behaviour after a chat. You'll demand that maturity be shown. Your great work will lead to financial rewards.

**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
Others will ask you for advice. You'll surprise yourself. Information about a job will reduce your uneasiness.

**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
Friction with a crook will result from restlessness. A visitor will complain about a commotion. A loved one will soon be in the news.

**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
Embarrassment results from stubbornness. Keep a steady hand in a new situation. A confining relationship causes a dishonest reaction.

**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
A reckless simpleton is absent-minded. There's an abundance of tension in the air. Be patient with a romantic person.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
Detours will make you grit your teeth. You'll achieve recognition for your efforts. An admiring friend will create a stronger rapport.

**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
Others will seek you out for bizarre ideas. Foster optimism about a deeper commitment. Don't be cranky when you lose a game.

**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
An absurd puzzle is solved by making a fresh approach. An ailing friend is like putty in your hands. Bite your tongue when someone irritates you.

**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
It's important to have a discussion with an old friend. A message will make you reach for the right person. Someone's objection will cause resentment.

**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
You'll jump when money comes unexpectedly. Concentrate on forging full-steam-ahead. A difficult person will do something delightful.

**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
Progress is made after guilt wastes everyone's time. Someone is trying to take advantage of you. Don't go against your better judgment.

**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
A family intervenes to save a relative from doom. A trickster will cause a terrific quarrel. You'll have to amuse a disagreeable person.

### This day in history

- OCT. 7, 1919: KLM of the Netherlands was founded. It is the oldest airline still operating under its original name.
- OCT. 7, 1944: In the Second World War, the uprising at Birkenau concentration camp. Jews burn down crematoria.
- OCT. 7, 1982: Cats opens on Broadway and runs for nearly 18 years before closing September 10, 2000.
- OCT. 7, 2001: The U.S. invasion of Afghanistan starts with an air assault and covert operations on the ground.
- OCT. 7, 2003: Gray Davis is recalled as Governor of California, three years before the official end of his office term. Film star Arnold Schwarzenegger is elected Governor.



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